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FOLLOWING REPEAT LONDON 18802 ACTION SECSTATE DEC 8.

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SUBJECT: SECURITY PROTECTION PUBLIC ACCESS AREAS

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(D) STATE 271528

1. SINCE SUBMISSION OF LONDON'S 14845 WHICHGAVE A BROAD OUTLINE OF VARIOUS MEASURES WHICH MIGHT BE TAKEN TO IMPROVE PHYSICAL SECURITY OF THE CHANCERY, WE HAVE BEEN EVALUATING THE PROPOSALS TO DETERMINE HOW BEST TO IMPLEMENT THEM. MOREOVER, IN RECENT WEEKS THERE HAS BEEN A SHARP INCREASE IN TERRORIST ATTACKS IN THE WEST END AREA OF LONDON WHERE THE CHANCERY IS LOCATED. THE DANGER SEEMS TO BE MORE ACUTE AS EACH DAY PASSES AS IS REFLECTED BY THESE SINISTER ACTS, TWO OF WHICH HAVE BEEN WITHIN A BLOCK OF THE EMBASSY.

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2. ACCORDINGLY, THE ANALYSES AND PROJECTIONS OF OUR

NEEDS HAVE NOW GONE BEYOND THAT CONTAINED IN REFERENCED LONDON TELEGRAM. THE ORIGINAL CONCEPT FOR DEFENSE OF THIS BUILDING AGAINST A TERRORIST ATTACK WAS TO ATTEMPT TO MEET SUCH ACT AT THE GROUND LEVEL WHILE INSURING THAT NO TERRORIST COULD BREACH THE DEFENSES ABOVE THE LOBBY AREA. OBVIOUSLY, THIS IS NOT CONSISTENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S WISHES NOR, UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS, OURS. OUR NEW PROPOQALS COUPLED WITH LONDON'S 14845 BASICALLY REPRESENT A HARDENING OF THE DEFENSES AT THE ENTRANCE LEVELS TO THE EMBASSY - OF WHICH THERE ARE FIVE - WHILE STILL TRYING TO MAINTAIN AT LEAST A SEMBLANCE OF THE OPENNESS ASSOCIATED WITH EMBASSY LONDON, WHICH UNDOUBTEDLY IS ONE OF THE MORE ATTRACTIVE BUILDINGS IN THIS CITY.

3. THE PROPOSALS BELOW DESCRIBE WHAT WE ENVISAGE AS THE MINIMUM ADEQUATE NEEDS PREDICTED ON THE ABOVE. THE INCREASED SECURITY MEASURES WILL BE DESCRIBED FIRST FOR EACH OF THE FIVE ENTRANCES AND THEN FOR THE PERIPHERAL AREAS OF THE CHANCERY NOW NOT UNDER VISUAL CONTROL. COSTS ARE RECAPITULATED AT END OF THIS TELEGRAM.

(A) GROUND FLOOR LOBBY ENTRANCE - WE WOULD MOVE THE PRESENT RECEPTIONIST AREA WHICH IS IN THE UPPER LOBBY AREA DOWN TO JUST BELOW THE ENTRANCE WINDOW DOORS OF THE CHANCERY. THIS WOULD NECESSITATE BUILDING A RECEPTION AREA, BOXLIKE OF "LEXAN", WITH ELECTRIC LOCKING DOORS AUGMENTING THE PRESENT OUTER GLASS DOORS. A NEW MARINE POST WOULD BE ESTABLISHED IN THE PRESENT RECEPTION AREA TO MONITOR, VIA CCTV, ACTIVITIES IN THE LOWER NEW RECEPTION AREA. VISITORS AT THE NEW ENTRANCE AREA WOULD BE PERMITTED TO ACCESS AS THEY DO NOW, BUT COULD NOT PROCEED BEYOND THIS POINT WITHOUT FIRST GOING THROUGH THE ELECTRICALLY OPERATED DOORS RELEASED BY THE RECEPTIONIST. IN ADDITION, AN X-RAY MACHINE FOR PACKAGE CONTROL WOULD BE AT THIS LOWER ENTRANCE, AS WELL AS HAND OPERATED METAL DETECTORS TO BE USED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE RECEPTIONISTS. AS AN ADDED PRECAUTION, ANODIZED STEEL GRILLS WILL BE INSTALLED AT THE FOUR DOORS LEADING FROM THE LOBBY TO VARIOUS EMBASSY SECTIONS.

(B) CONSULAR/VISA ENTRANCE, GROSVENOR STREET - LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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APPROXIMATELY 250,000 PEOPLE ENTER THIS SIDE OF THE EMBASSY ANNUALLY, WITH AS MANY AS A THOUSAND ON HEAVY DAYS. A NEW INSTALLATION WILL BE MADE AT THIS ENTRANCE WHICH WILL BE SIMILAR TO THAT PROPOSED FOR THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE CHANCERY. A NEW MARINE POST WOULD ALSO BE ESTABLISHED. A WALK-THROUGH METAL DETECTOR WOULD ALSO BE INSTALLED, AS WELL AS AN X-RAY MACHINE FOR PACKAGE CONTROL. THIS ENTRANCE IS ALSO USED FOR THE

IRS AND MEDICAL UNITS. EVEN THOUGH THOSE VISITORS ARE PRIMARILY AMERICAN, THEY WOULD BE REQUIRED TO PASS THROUGH THESE NEW CONTROLS.

(C) USIS ENTRANCE, UPPER BROOK STREET - THE SAME KIND OF ENTRANCE SECURITY WOULD BE PLACED AT THIS POINT. SINCE THERE ARE, HOWEVER, MANY FEWER VISITORS, ONLY ONE ADDITIONAL RECEPTIONIST WOULD BE NEEDED WHO WOULD MAN AN X-RAY MACHINE AND HAND METAL DETECTORS SIMILAR TO THAT USED AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE.

(D) BASEMENT GARAGE - THE PRESENT ENTRY DOES NOT HAVE ANY MEANS OF BLOCKING AUTOMOBILES FROM FORCING ENTRY INTO THIS GARAGE. WE PROPOSE THAT TWO STEEL ELECTRICALLY OPERATED BARRIERS WOULD BE LOCATED WHICH WOULD PERMIT ENTRY TO THE TWO RAMPS ONLY AFTER BEING RELEASED BY THE AUTO DISPATCHER WHO WOULD CONTROL THE AREA BY CCTV MONITOR. ALL CARS ENTERING THIS AREA WOULD BE SEARCHED BY A NEW SECURITY RECEPTIONIST AS THEY ENTER. A MIRRORED DEVICE WOULD BE USED TO CHECK THE UNDERSIDE OF EACH VEHICLE. WE FEEL THIS IS A PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE AREA WHICH HAS BEEN CRITICIZED BY OUR SCOTLAND YARD ADVISERS.

(E) UPPER GARAGE - AN IMPROVED ALARM SYSTEM AS WELL AS LOCATION OF A SECURITY RECEPTIONIST ARE THE ONLY NEW ITEMS NECESSARY HERE. TWO SPECIAL ELECTRICALLY OPERATED DOORS ARE BEING PRESENTLY INSTALLED. THE SECURITY RECEPTIONIST WOULD CARRY OUT THE SAME KINDS OF FUNCTIONS AS THE ONE IN THE BASEMENT GARAGE FOR ALL VEHICLES ENTERING.

(F) PERIPHERAL SECURITY - A TECHNICIAN FROM FRANKFURT HAS RECENTLY AGREED TO THE INSTALLATION OF ELECTRONIC LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SONIC ALARMS TO BE INSTALLED IN THE MOAT WHICH IS ON THREE SIDES OF THE CHANCERY. ADDITIONALLY, THE EMBASSY IS ALREADY INSTALLING A SPECIAL KLAXON ALARM SYSTEM WHICH WILL SUPPLEMENT THE PRESENT FIRE ALARM BELL. THE KLAXON WILL BE USED ONLY AS AN ALERT FOR TERRORIST ACTS. THE ENTIRE OUTER PART OF THE BUILDING WILL NOW BE UNDER CONTINUOUS VISUAL CONTROL BY CCTV. LOCATION OF THESE UNITS HAS BEEN REVIEWED BY THE FRANKFURT TECHNICIAN. WE ARE SUGGESTING THAT THESE UNITS BE PURCHASED LOCALLY WITH MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS AS BEING CONSIDERABLY LESS EXPENSIVE AND INSTALLATION FASTER THAN DIRECT PURCHASE FROM U.S. EXTRA PROTECTION TO EXPOSED TELEPHONE OPERATORS IS ESSENTIAL. WE PROPOSE TO RE-INFORCE WINDOWS OF THEIR AREA BY USE OF "LEXAN" MATERIAL.

4. TO SUMMARIZE, THE ABOVE PROPOSALS REPRESENT A FOLLOW UP ON THE SUGGESTIONS MADE IN LONDON'S 14845 COUPLED WITH REQUIREMENTS DEVELOPED AS A RESULT OF EVALUATION OF THE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES OF RECENT WEEKS IN LONDON. THERE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF BEING REVIEWED BY FBO CERTAIN OTHER GRILL WORK WHICH SUPPLEMENT THESE MEASURES AND SHOULD BE APPROVED ASAP. ALTHOUGH IT IS EXPECTED THAT LEAD TIME WILL TAKE FROM 3 TO 9 MONTHS TO COMPLETE ALL OF ABOVE MEASURES, THE SOONER THE RESOURCES ARE MADE AVAILABLE THE QUICKER THE EMBASSY WILL GAIN THE ADEQUATE PROTECTION REQUIRED FOR ITS STAFF AND THE CHANCERY.

5. SCHEMATIC DRAWINGS OF RECEPTION AREAS ARE BEING FORWARDED TO FBO.

6. ESTIMATED COSTS FOLLOW IN FORMAT REQUESTED IN REFTEL (D):

(A) PROPERTY - U.S. EMBASSY HAS A 999 YEAR LEASE. USIS IS TOTALLY INCORPORATED INTO CHANCERY BUILDING.

(B) PHYSICAL SECURITY BARRIERS:

1. (A) INTERNAL LEXAN WALLS (1/4 INCH THICK) WITH DOORS TO BE LOCATED INSIDE THREE MAIN ENTRANCES.

(B) FOUR ANODIZED STEEL GRILLS INSIDE LOBBY TO PROTECT ENTRANCES TO EMBASSY OFFICES.
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(:)"RAILROAD CROSSING" ELECTRONICALLY OPERATED GATES AT EXIT-ENTRANCE AUTOMOBILE RAMPS TO BASEMENT GARAGE.

(D) ROLL-DOWN METAL TUBULAR LOOK THROUGH SHUTTERS FOR TEHICLE CONTROL AT BASEMENT GARAGE LEVEL.

(E) X-RAY AND METAL CONTROL DETECTORS.

2. COSTS:

- (A) \$48,000
- (B) \$17,000
- (C) \$4,500
- (D) \$4,800
- (E) \$25,000

(C) WINDOW PROTECTION:

1. LEXAN AND SAFETY GLASS - SIX OFFICE WINDOWS LOCATED AT LOUER GROUND (MOAT) AREA, FACING ON GROSVENOR SQUARE, WHICH IS OCCUPIED BY 24-HOUR TELEPHONE OPERATORS UNIT.

2. MYLAR FOR THIRD FLOOR WINDOWS.

3. COSTS: \$10,000.

(D) LOCAL GUARD FORCES:

1. (A) FRONT ENTRANCE - 3 ADDITIONAL SY RECEPTIONISTS.

(B) CONSULAR ENTRANCE - 1 ADDITIONAL SY RECEPTIONIST.

(C) USIS/LIBRARY ENTRANCE - 1 ADDITIONAL SY RECEPTIONIST.

(D) REAR LOWER GROUND ENTRANCE - 1 ADDITIONAL SY RECEPTIONIST.

(E) REAR BASEMENT GARAGE ENTRANCE - 1 ADDITIONAL SY RECEPTIONIST.

TOTAL: 7 ADDITIONAL SY RECEPTIONISTS.

2. DUTIES - AS DESCRIBED IN 3A, B, C, D, AND E ABOVE.

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4. UNIFORMED.

5. COSTS - \$48,000.

(E) MARINE SECURITY GUARDS: INCREASE OF FIVE (5) ADDITIONAL WATCHSTANDERS. HOUSING IS NOT PRESENTLY AVAILABLE. THERE IS, HOWEVER, PLAN TO PROVIDE SPACE IN PROPOSED COMPLETION OF CHANCERY. FBO HAS THIS PROPOSAL.

(F) TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT:

1. (A) INTRUSION ALARM IN MOAT AREA AT FRONT AND SIDES OF CHANCERY AS INDICATED IN 3F ABOVE.

(B) FIVE ADDITIONAL CCTV CAMERAS AS INDICATED IN 3F ABOVE.

(G) LOBBY CONTROLS AND EQUIPMENT:

1. 3 TEAR GAS SYSTEMS FOR THREE PUBLIC ENTRANCES.

2. SY RECEPTIONISTS AND MSG DESKS FOR THREE PUBLIC ENTRANCES.

(H) RADIOS: TWO ADDITIONAL HT-200 SELCAL RADIOS FOR AMBASSADOR AND DCM CHAUFFEURS. RICHARDSON UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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